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1. THE 34 PAGE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM PRESENTED TO THE
TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY JULY 27 BY PRIMIN SULEYMAN
DEMIREL'S THREE-PARTY RIGHT-WING COALITION CONTAINS SLIGHTLY
LESS THAN SIX PAGES ON DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY, WITH NO
APPARENT INDICATIONS OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM THE POLICIES
FOLLOWED BY THE LAST DEMIREL-LED COALITION. THE FOLLOWING,
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WITH SECTION HEADINGS ADDED, IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE
DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY SECTIONS (OTHER TOPICS TO BE REPORTED
ON IN SEPTELS); BEGIN TEXT:
A. DEFENSE. "WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY MATERIAL AND MORAL
MEASURE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO KEEP THE ARMED FORCES FUNCTIONING
PRODUCTIVELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH TODAY'S CONDITIONS AS THEY
GUARANTEE OUR NATIONAL EXISTENCE AND SURVIVAL AND WE DEEM

THIS TO BE OUR REAL DUTY.

"WE WILL BE RESOLUTE ABOUT TAKING EVERY MEASURE FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR ARMED FORCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGE. WE SHALL NOT LEAVE THE DEFENSE OF TURKEY TO THE WILL AND DECISION OF ANOTHER STATE. WE ARE RESOLUTE ABOUT OBTAINING THE NEEDS OF DEFENSE BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EVERY POSSIBILITY AND RESOURCE, PRIMARILY FROM OUR OWN NATIONAL RESOURCES AND NOT ONLY FROM A SINGLE SOURCE. WE WILL PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NATIONAL WAR INDUSTRY IN THE SHORTEST TIME. WE SHALL INCREASE THE STRIKING FORCE OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND, KEEPING IN MIND THE HIGH LEVEL DEVELOPMENT OF ARMS TECHNOLOGY, WE SHALL TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE EXCESSIVE BUILD-UP OF RESERVE OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS BY SUING THE MAXIMUM TECHNOLOGICAL POSSIBILITIES INSTEAD OF MANPOWER. WE WILL SHORTEN MILITARY SERVICE BUT WILL KEEP NATIONAL DEFENSE NEEDS IN MIND."

B. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FOREIGN POLICY. "IN RUNNING FOREIGN POLICY, OUR GOVERNMENT WILL NOT DEVIATE FROM ITS TRADITIONALLY PEACEFUL AIMS, WILL TRY TO CONSOLIDATE AND SPREAD OUR FRIENDSHIPS AND WILL FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR COMMITMENTS AND THE RELATIONS.

"IN ALL OUR ACTIVITIES WITHIN OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS, WE WILL BE MOTIVATED BY THE PRINCIPLE OF SAFEGUARDING OUR NATION'S LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND NATIONAL INTERESTS WITHOUT COMPROMISE. WE WILL ALSO ASSIST THE SETTLEMENT AND PROMOTION OF A PEACEFUL AND STABLE ATMOSPHERE IN OUR REGION AND THE ENTIRE WORLD. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT OUR COUNTRY IS LOCATED IN ONE OF THE MOST SENSITIVE REGIONS OF THE WORLD AND THAT THE EVENTS OF THE WORLD HAVE GAINED DIMENSIONS WHICH CONCERN ALL HUMANITY, WE WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND WE WILL PAY ATTENTION TO MAKING IN TIME THE MOST APPROPRIATE DECISIONS AND TAKING THE MEASURES WHICH ARE NECESSITATED BY CHANGING CONDITIONS. AS IS REQUIRED BY A DETERMINED, REALISTIC, MULTI-DIRECTIONAL AND BALANCED FOREIGN POLICY WITH CHARACTER, OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS WILL BE DEVELOPED, DIVERSIFIED AND INTENSIFIED ON THE BASIS OF RIGHTS AND INTERESTS AND THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUAL RESPECT. WE SHALL STRIVE TOWARDS GAINING FOR THESE RELATIONS, AT THE SAME TIME, A CONCRETE CONTEXT ORIENTED TOWARDS THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE SIDES SO THAT THEY MAY THUS CONTRIBUTE TO INTERNATIONAL STABILITY AND COOPERATION."

C. DISARMAMENT. "WE SEE THE ARMS RACE AS A MOVEMENT EXTREMELY HARMFUL BOTH TO WORLD PEACE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT INTERNATIONAL SECURITY CAN BE ESTABLISHED ONLY THROUGH COMPLETE AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT. ACTING ON THIS CONVICTION WE SHALL TAKE PARTICULAR CARE TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO DISARMAMENT EFFORTS, WHICH ARE GAINING PROGRESSIVELY IN INTENSITY, AND TO GIVE SUPPORT TO DISARMAMENT EFFORTS BASED ON REALISTIC METHODS AND GUARANTEES."

D. ECONOMIC RELATIONS. " ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO THE FACT THAT OUR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS SHOULD BE RUN WITHIN A FRAME-
WORK WHICH WILL PROTECT MUTUAL INTERESTS AND FACILITATE THE STABLE PROGRESS OF OUR COUNTRY. KEEPING IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE ECONOMIC TOPICS HAVE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WE WILL TRY TO ASSIST DEVELOPMENT TOWARD THE REINFORCEMENT OF PEACE AND OF THE NECESSITY FOR SOLIDARITY WHICH IS APPEARING ON THESE TOPICS."

E. DETENTE. "WHILE WE WILL BASE AND RUN OUR EXTERNAL RELATIONS ON THESE GENERAL PRINCIPLES, WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE SETTLEMENT AND ENLARGEMENT OF THE DETENTE ATMOSPHERE IN THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY IN OUR REGION."

F. CSCE. "WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE EFFORTS EXERTED AND TO BE EXERTED FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE SECURITY OF EUROPE AND FOR COOPERATION AMONG EUROPEAN COUNTRIES."

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G. NATO. "IT IS A FACT THAT THE DETENTE ATMOSPHERE IN TODAY'S CONDITIONS IS BASED ON A SENSITIVE AND DELICATE BALANCE ESTABLISHED IN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY FIELD. MINDFUL OF THE VALUE OF THE ROLE PLAYED SO FAR BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND ITS MILITARY ORGANIZATION I MAINTAINING THIS BALANCE, WHICH RESTS IN THE FOUNDATION OF PEACE AND STABILITY, WE WILL CONTINUE WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP OF THIS DEFENSE ORGANIZATION, BUT WE WILL AT THE SAME TIME PAY ATTENTION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF COHERENCE BETWEEN BENEFITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OUR COUNTRY WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

"WE WILL SEEK THE POSSIBILITY OF A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF OUR MULTI-LATERAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION WITH THE WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FROM THE VIEW POINT OF OUR LONG TERM BENEFITS AND INTERESTS

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H. EEC. "WE WILL CONTINUE WITH DETERMINATION AND RESOLVE WITH THE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED FOR THE HARMONIZATION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WITHIN THE NEW CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE APPEARED. "WE DEEM IT NATURAL THAT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY IT SHOULD ACCELERATE OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSIST OUR SETTING UP INDUSTRY WITH EXTERNAL COMPETITIVE POWER. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT OUR ASSOCIATION SHOULD NOT HAMPER THE INDUSTRIALIZATION DRIVE AND PROMOTION OF OUR EXPORTS, BUT ON THE CONTRARY ASSIST OUR DEVELOPMENT IN THESE VITAL FIELDS. THIS NECESSITY WILL
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BE CAREFULLY TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN BALANCING OUT OUR RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHANGING CONDITIONS OF THE DAY AND IN OUR INITIATIVES DIRECTED TOWARDS FINDING SOLUTIONS IN ACCORD WITH OUR INTERESTS AND WE SHALL DO WHAT IS NEEDED FOR OUR INITIATIVES TO YIELD THIS RESULT."

I. US. "WE SINCERELY WISH THAT OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE AND LONG HISTORY, MAY BE SUSTAINED IN THE FORM OF A NEW FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP BASED ON MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTEREST AND ON BALANCED COOPERATION. THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE BARRIERS WHICH WE ENCOUNTER IN THIS FIELD DEPENDS ON THE SPEEDY RECTIFICATION OF THE STANCES AND BEHAVIORS WHICH ARE AT ODDS WITH THE NATURE OF OUR RELATIONS."

J. EASTERN EUROPE. "WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROMOTION OF OUR EXISTING GOOD NEIGHBOR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON THE BASIS OF REALISTIC PRINCIPLES WILL CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE STABILITY AND FRIENDLY COOPERATION IN THE REGION. "WE WILL EXERT EFFORTS IN ORDER THAT OUR EXISTING RELATIONS AND COOPERATION WITH THE EAST EUROPEAN AND ESPECIALLY BALKAN COUNTRIES MAY BECOME MORE EXTENSIVE AND MORE

PRODUCTIVE WITHIN DETENTE CONDITIONS."

K. ISLAMIC COUNTRIES. "WE WILL EXERT EFFORTS AND TAKE THE NECESSARY INITIATIVES FOR PROMOTING ON SOUND FOUNDATIONS OUR RELATIONS WITH THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES, WITH WHICH WE HAVE HISTORIC AND MORAL TIES, AND FOR GAINING A GREATER CAPACITY IN OUR COOPERATION WITH THEM IN EVERY FIELD AND ESPECIALLY IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL SPHERES. WE WILL PAY ATTENTION TO THE APPRECIATION AND PROMOTION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. WE BELIEVE THAT FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT THE BASIC CONDITION IS, ABOVE ALL, THE EVACUATION OF THE OCCUPIED LANDS AND THE RECOGNITION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE INCLUDING THE FOUNDATION OF THEIR OWN STATE."

1. CENTO/RCD. "WE DESIRE THAT OUR TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELATIONS WITH FRATERNAL IRAN AND PAKISTAN, WHICH MAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE STABILITY OF THE REGION, BE PROMOTED FURTHER AND THAT COOPERATION GAIN SPEED BOTH BILATERALLY AND WITHIN CENTO AND THE RCD."

M. NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. "WE WILL PAY ATTENTION TO DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING OUR RELATIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE REGION AND ESPECIALLY WITH THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT NATIONS."

N. CHINA. "WE WILL PAY ATTENTION TO PROMOTING OUR RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT."

O. NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. "WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS AN URGENT MATTER THAT THE TOUGH PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY DEVELOPING NATIONS SHOULD BE TACKLED WITHIN THE WORLD-WIDE ECONOMIC CONCEPTS AND THAT A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER BE SET UP. WE HOPE THAT THE EFFORTS MADE AGAINST APARTHEID AND COLONIALISM AMY INTRODUCE SOLUTIONS IN KEEPING WITH HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE CONTEMPORARY UNDERSTANDING OF RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE."

P. TURKS OUTSIDE TURKEY. "ACTIVITIES WILL BE EXPANDED IN ORDER TO GIVE THE PROPER AND WODEST PUBLICITY ABROAD TO OUR KINSMEN IN OTHER COUNTRIES THE BENEFIT OF PERPETUATING AND DEVELOPING THEIR OWN CULTURES, THE POSSESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN A MATURE SENSE AND EQUAL BENEFIT FROM ALL THE RIGHTS RECOGNIZED BY THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY LIVE. THIS WILL BE A TOPIC WHICH WE WILL FOLLOW UP CONSTANTLY. WE WILL GIVE PRIORITY TO SAFEGUARDING ALL THE RIGHTS OF OUR WORKERS ABROAD AND TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR MEETING THEIR NEEDS IN THE FIELD OF NATIONAL CULTURE."

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Q. GREECE AND THE AEGEAN. "WE WISH TO RAISE OUR
RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBOR GREECE TO THE LEVEL WHICH CONFORMS
TO THE LASTING INTERESTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE BELIEVE THAT
SOLUTIONS TO SATISFY BOTH SIDES CAN BE FOUND TO ALL THE EXISTING
PROBLEMS BETWEEN US THROUGH TALKS ARRANGED IN GOODWILL AND
WITH A CONSTRUCTIVE MENTALITY.

"WE ARE DETERMINED TO SAFEGUARD OUR RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN
SEA. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE CONFLICTS ARTIFICIALLY CREATED WILL
DISAPPEAR IF THESE RIGHTS OF OURS ARE RESPECTED.

"WE BELIEVE THAT THIS SEA CAN BE AN AREA OF FRIENDSHIP AND
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PEACE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD WE ACHIEVE COOPERATION
ON THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND EQUITY CONCERNING ALL THE RIGHTS
IN THE AEGEAN SEA.

"WITHIN THESE THOUGHTS, OUR GOVERNMENT WILL EXERT EFFORTS

TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE AEGEAN CONTNENTAL SHELF THROUGH NEGOTIATION AND MUTUAL CONSENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF THIS SEA AND THE LAUSANNE BALANCE, IN CONFORMITY WITH OUR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND THE REQUIRIEMNTS OF OUR SECURITY. WE WILL ALSO TRY TO SOLVE THE AEGEAN AIRSPACE QUESTION THROUGH NEGOTIATION IN A WAY WHICH ENSURES THE EQUAL AND JOINT UTILIZATION OF THE AIRSPACE AND WHICH METS SECURITY NEEDS.

"ALL THE NECESSARY SENSITIVITY WILL BE MANIFESTED IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD OUR RIGHTS STEMMING FROM INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON THE QUESTION OF THE ARMAMENT OF ISLANDS SURROUNDING ANATOLIA IN THE AEGEAN IN CONTRAVENTION OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND ON THE QUESTION OF THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OUR KINSMEN IN WESTERN THRACE."

R. CYPRUS. "KEEPING IN MIND THE REALITIES OF THE ISLAND AND THE BITTER EVENTS OF ITS HISTORY, OUR GOVERNMENT BELIEVES ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION THAT ALL THE RIGHTS, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, PEACE AND SECURITY OF OUR KINSMEN THERE CAN BE GUARANTEED BY THE FOUNDATION OF A FEDERAL ORDER WHERE THE TWO COMMUNITIES LIVE IN TWO SEPARATE REGIONS. WE AMINTAIN OUR HOPE THAT SUCH A POLITICAL SOLUTION CAN BE ATTAINED THROUGH INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND PEACEFUL WAYS.

"WE, TURKEY, WILL EXERT EVERY EFFORT IN GOODWILL FOR THE COMING INTO BEING OF A BIZONAL, BICOMMUNAL, INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED FEDERAL STATE WHICH WILL BRING A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION. WE CONSIDER IT USEFUL, HOWEVER, TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE NECESSITY THAT OUR INITIATIVES, ACTIONS AND MANIFESTATIONS OF A UNDERSTANDING IN THIS DIRECTION SHOULD BE PROPERLY RECOGNIZED BY OTHER COUNTRIES, PRIMARILY BY GREECE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SO THAT THEY CAN BE APPRECIATED.

"WE, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, WILL FOLLOW A CONSTRUCTIVE COURSE FOR THE SUCCESS OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WHICH WILL DEVELOP WITHIN THE REALITIES OF CYPRUS. WE RIGHTLY EXPECT THE SAME CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT."

S. CONCLUSION: "THE NATION WANTS THE COUNTRY TO BE A MORE POWERFUL NATION WITH A BRAND NEW DEVELOPMENT DRIVE. THE TURKISH NATION WANTS TO MAKE ITS VOICE HEARD IN THE WORLD IN UNITY AND SOLIDARITY AND TO MAKE ITS WRD HEDED IN EVERY FIELD. THE TURKISH NATION WANTS TO BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING WITHOUT THE NEED FORHELP FROM LFOREIGNERS OR EXTERNAL RESOURCES." END TEXT

2. COMMENT: OVERALL, THE FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS REPRESENT A POSITION SHARED WITH THE OPPOSITIONREPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY. THE SECTIONS DEALING WITH GREECE, THE AEGEAN, AND CYPRUS GENERALLY SHOW A MODERTE, CONCILIATORY TONE WHICH, ON PAPER, AT LEAST, REPRESENTS A RETREAT BY DEPPRIMIN ERBAKAN AND TURKES FROM THEIR HARDLINE POSITIONS ON THE SUBJECTS. HOWEVER, THEY-- PARTICULARLY NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY LEADER ERBAKAN-- ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO COMPLICATE DEMIREL'S EFFORTS TO

REACH SOLUTIONS TO TURKEY'S MOST PRESSING FOREIGN POLICY
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